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Bedford County Officials Prepare for Coronavirus

This week, representatives of Bedford County government participated in internal meetings as well as briefings from the Virginia Department of Health in collaboration with Virginia Department of Emergency Management to prepare First Responders and all levels of County staff for potential impact of COVID-19.

A goal of county government is to ensure a continued and efficient provision of services to its citizens. Therefore, Bedford County officials are monitoring the public health situation closely and are developing operational plans to address local impacts. Public Safety service providers and Public Works/Custodial crews are also following the necessary protocols and precautions to minimize potential risks to both county staff and the public.

Lines of communication with state and federal partners are open and we are determining best practices should there be reported cases of Coronavirus in our community. It is important to be cognizant of the fact that the regular flu season is still ongoing across the Commonwealth and that there are high numbers of individuals with flu.

Centers for Disease Control and Virginia Department of Health experts remind everyone of the following guidance.

Take the time to wash your hands often and thoroughly (for 20 seconds with soap and warm water). Turn off the water with a towel.

Other than when seeking medical care, stay home when you are sick, especially if showing any fever or respiratory symptoms.

Cover your coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue or your sleeve, not your hands. Always dispose of used tissues in a waste can.

Avoid touching your face. Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as door handles, phones, and other technology devices.

Practice "social distancing" by avoiding close contact with others.

Citizens are encouraged to go to the below listed websites for the most current information.

Additionally, you are encouraged to seek official sources of information and avoid non-official sources.

www.cdc.gov/COVID19

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>